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SUBJ: JAPANESE CONCERNED ABOUT UN BUDGETS AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH VISITING AMBASSADOR DALE, OTSUKA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF UN BUREAU OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, WENT ON AT SOME LENGTH ABOUT SERIOUS PROBLEMS JAPAN IS FACING AS ITS PERCENTAGE OF UN BUDGET MOVES UPWARD SHARPLY. HE SAID THAT UNDER PRESENT PLANNING, FOREIGN MINISTER'S UNGA ADDRESS WILL FOCUS ON WHAT JAPAN EXPECTS FROM UN RATHER THAN BEING TRADITIONAL TOUR D'HORIZON. HE SAID FINANCE MINISTRY IS TAKING PARTICULARLY TOUGH LINE ON ALL BUDGET QUESTIONS. AMBASSADOR DALE SUGGESTED FULL DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR SCRANTON DURING FORTHCOMING UNGA.

2. OTSUKA ALSO SAID THAT GOJ WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT MOUNTING COSTS OF FAO BUDGETS. SPECIFICALLY, FONOFF DISTURBED BY NEW DIRECTOR'S EFFORT TO SET UP "\$20 MILLION SLUSH FUND" UNDER HIS EXCLUSIVE CONTROL AND HIS TENDENCY TO SURROUND HIMSELF WITH SYCOPHANTS AND THIRD-WORLDBERS.

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3. OTSUKA SAID THAT ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER REPORTS,

CHAIRMAN MAKIEDA OF SOHYO LABOR FEDERATION, WAS
TOLD LAST MONTH DURING MEETING WITH AFL-CIO
PRESIDENT MEANY THAT AFL-CIO SATISFIED WITH RECENT
ILO DEVELOPMENTS. FONOFF WONDERS WHETHER THIS
MEANS US MOVING TOWARDS RETRACTION OF ITS LETTER
OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW FROM ILO.

4. OTSUKA SAID THAT JAPANESE WILL WELCOME
AUTHORITATIVE EXPOSITION OF CURRENT US POSITION
ON BUDGET GENERALLY, ON FAO AND ILO, AND ON UNESCO,
WHICH JAPANESE CONSIDER "MOST POLITICIZED" OF SPECIALIZED
AGENCIES, DURING BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS.
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